

From Death to Life

ONE memorable morning in Athens, Greece, stalwart Bishop Pantelemon officiated at two startlingly different ceremonies.

The first was a sad memorial service in honor of those who had given their lives in the service of their country during the war. The other—held at the headquarters of the Livestock Rehabilitation Project of Near East Foundation—was the joyous blessing of six bulls from America and the equipment to



be used in restoring the milk and meat supply of Greece.

The bishop began his address by saying, "I am come from the blight of death to the source of life".

"From death to life!" What words could better express the purpose of this project. A single fact will suffice to indicate how critical is the need this program is designed to meet. At the beginning of the war there were 22,000 cows in Attica, at the close only 7,000. This is typical of the situation throughout the country. One may readily see what the consequent scarcity of milk means to the health and happiness of the children of Greece as well as the depletion of the meat supply and the dislocation of the financial economy of a country dependent upon animal husbandry as one of its largest agricultural industries.

Two objects are sought by Near East Foundation—to increase the supply of milk and to improve the quality of the cattle. The bulls sent to Greece by Near East Foundation are from the best blooded stock in America. By modern methods of artificial insemination it is possible to breed from ten to forty times as many cows as by former methods, thus greatly increasing the flow of milk.

This breeding program is accompanied by education and demonstration of improved forage production and feeding methods—a most important item because of the scarcity of feed.

The project is in charge of two highly trained Americans, enlisted and sent to Greece by Near East Foundation, Dr. F. Irvine Elliott of Cornell and Mathias Dietrick of Ohio State University. The quality of the leadership insures the highest degree of technical skill and standards. Greek technicians are being trained to help in the program and, in accordance with the well-established self-help policy of the Foundation, ultimately to take over and operate the project entirely under Greek auspices.

To have a part in such a service as this is one of the quickest and surest ways to contribute to the health and well-being of the entire country.

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